ACE Response to COVID-19

Parents are naturally worried about how the school will maintain safety during this pandemic time. ACE has committed to doing everything possible to ensure a safe learning environment for all of its students, faculty and staff. As a result, ACE has implemented the following:

- Building treated routinely by Ecovasive Infection Control.
- Hand sanitizer stations in all classrooms and on hallways.
- AC/Heating units filters changed frequently to combat the spread of any type of virus.
- Teachers provided face shields and masks.
- Gloves and cleaning supplies located in all classrooms.
- Weight room and PE equipment sprayed using sanitizing mist between classes.
- Dedicated individual responsible for continuous cleaning and wiping down of all frequently touched areas of the building.
- Restrooms sanitized continuously throughout the day.
- Spray sanitizing mister used the offices, nurses’ clinic, weight room, band room, chorus rooms, gym, etc.
- Building closed on Fridays for deep cleaning and sanitizing.
- UV Air purifiers located in the nurses’ clinic.
- Thermal face temperature scanners located in front offices.
- No contact thermometers in each grade level for checking temps throughout the day.
- Protective safety glass around both counters in the front offices.
- Three panel student protective barriers for desks and tables in the classrooms.
- Breakfast and lunches delivered to classrooms. (Seniors allowed to use large dining hall but must space themselves.)
- Supervised transition between classes for older students.
- No use of lockers for immediate future.
- Frequent airing of the hallways using outside ventilation.
- Water fountains not in use and covered.
- Seating in classroom facing one way and spaced within the classroom
- Masking of anyone entering ACE, masking of students during class time where interaction with others might occur, recess, and transitions.

After school activities
- Coaches, band directors, etc. check temperatures prior to each practice and question players about any possible symptoms.
- Equipment is sanitized and not shared when possible
- Student athletes and coaches will mask during non-playing time

ACE has further encouraged social distancing and has posted signage throughout the school to this effect. Younger students are instructed to walk face forward a minimum of an arm’s length from their peers, masked. Older students must not cluster in groups for any reason and bathrooms are limited to 3 students at a time.

ACE has required parents to monitor their child(ren) utilizing Face-to-Face instruction daily by checking their temperature each morning and by being aware of signs or symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath. They are reminded that children with COVID-19 generally have mild cold-like symptoms such as fever, runny nose, and cough. Information regarding symptoms in children can be found at the CDC at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html

If a faculty, staff or student at ACE has tested positive, are showing COVID-19 symptoms, or if they have been in close contact (less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with a person who has COVID-19 they are required to quarantine themselves for 14 days after the last contact with a person who has COVID-19 and monitor all symptoms. Parents will be immediately notified if a faculty member or student in their child’s class contracts COVID-19.

Please see attached DPH information for Parents/Guardians regarding students returning to school during this time.
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS: 
Returning to School Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

As the school year begins the Georgia Department of Public Health, Department of Education and Governor’s Office are committed to keeping your student, family and community healthy. Please review the following recommendations.

1. Talk to your child about COVID-19 and remind him/her to adhere to social distancing guidelines as instructed by his/her teacher.

As schools begin to reopen, students may worry about getting ill with COVID-19 or express anxiousness over changes made in the classroom and school setting. Parents play an important role in helping students make sense of changes and guidance in a way that is honest, accurate, and minimizes anxiety or fear. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created guidance to help adults have conversations with children about COVID-19 and ways they can avoid getting and spreading the disease.

2. Daily, assess your student for the below signs and symptoms PRIOR TO SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL or the SCHOOL BUS using the following checklist:

- Fever (>100.4°F) or chills
- New cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

   If your child has any of these symptoms, they should stay home from school and all extracurricular activities. You should call the child’s healthcare provider.

3. Develop a plan to pick up your child from school, should they become ill

4. Ensure your emergency contact information provided to the school is up-to-date

   a. Your school will need to communicate with you regarding closures, contact to cases, and your child’s health regularly throughout the school year. Ensuring your information is correct will ensure you receive timely communication from the school.
INFORMACIÓN PARA PADRES / TutoRES:
Regresando a la escuela en medio de la pandemia de COVID-19

Al comenzar el año escolar, el Departamento de Salud Pública de Georgia, el Departamento de Educación y la Oficina del Gobernador se comprometen a mantener saludables a su estudiante, familia y comunidad. Por favor revise las siguientes recomendaciones.

1. Hable con su hijo sobre COVID-19 y recuérdele que se adhiera a las pautas de distanciamiento social según las instrucciones de su maestro. A medida que las escuelas comienzan a reabrir, los estudiantes pueden preocuparse por enfermarse con COVID-19 o expresar ansiedad por los cambios realizados en el aula y el entorno escolar. Los padres juegan un papel importante en ayudar a los estudiantes a comprender los cambios y la orientación de una manera honesta, precisa y que minimice la ansiedad o el miedo. Los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) han creado una guía para ayudar a los adultos a conversar con los niños sobre COVID-19 y las formas en que pueden evitar contraer y propagar la enfermedad.

2. Diariamente, evalúe a su estudiante para los siguientes signos y síntomas ANTES DE ENVIARLOS A LA ESCUELA o al AUTOBÚS ESCOLAR utilizando la siguiente lista de verificación:

- Fiebre (≥100.4°F) o escalofríos
- New tos
- Dificultad en respirar
- Fatiga
- Nueva pérdida de sabor u olor
- Dolor de garganta
- Dolores musculares o corporales
- Congestión o esfintero
- Jaqueca
- Náuseas o vómitos
- Diarrea

Si su hijo tiene alguno de estos síntomas, debe quedarse en casa y no realizar actividades extracurriculares. Debe llamar al proveedor de atención médica de su hijo.

3. Desarrolle un plan para recoger a su hijo de la escuela, en caso de que se enferme.

4. Asegúrese de que su información de contacto de emergencia proporcionada a la escuela esté actualizada:

a. Su escuela deberá comunicarse con usted con respecto a los cierres, el contacto con los casos y la salud de su hijo regularmente durante todo el año escolar. Asegúrese de que su información sea correcta asegurará que reciba una comunicación oportuna de la escuela.